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Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 5 2012
7 pm
Brooklyn Community Building

Jill Van Den Eng called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Jill Van Den Eng, Dorothy Frandy, Tari Lust, Ginger Valiska, Brit Springer and Stacey Hardy were in attendance. Helen McCord was also in attendance.

Frandy made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March. Hardy seconded. All voted aye. Springer abstained. Motion passed.

Frandy reported that the fireworks contract with Dan Dean has been written and signed. It goes to the board for approval this month.

McCord reminded the committee that the police department can provide vests and lights for parking. These will make it safer and easier to direct traffic as it gets dark. The committee will ask EMS and police to assist with parking.

Entertainment has not been lined up. If available, the committee would like to hire Black Sheep, the band that played last year. If they are not available, the committee will look into other local bands.

The bounce house will return, but will not be free this year. Someone will be stationed outside the bounce house. A schedule for positions would be helpful, so volunteers can change positions and everyone knows where they have to be.

Frandy will get a committee together to assist in planning the July 4th celebration.

The Cub Scouts contact from last year is no longer doing Cub Scouts. This organization sold pop at the event last year and kept the profits. Valiska will contact Cub Scouts leader to see if they are interested in this fundraising opportunity.

Recreation committee will sell popcorn and glow necklaces again. So far, \$1,000 has been raised for fireworks. The budget is for \$2,500. The committee discussed fundraising opportunities.

Van Den Eng presented a poster that can be put up in the community building and other locations in town. Frandy suggested making a smaller, computer generated version to go on the collection cans. Posters and collection cans should be ready and displayed at the Dime a Dip event on May 3.

The Fun Run event was discussed. Planning has come to the point where the committee needs to go forward with it or table it for another time. Frandy, Valiska, Springer and Hardy voted to go forward with this fundraising event. The Fun Run will take place on June 9, with all proceeds going toward Recreation Committee events and park equipment.

Donations need to be acquired to cover the costs of t-shirts, water bottles, bananas and goody bags. Registration forms need to be made, and they should include waiver forms. Flyers and forms should be distributed in the schools, in businesses, at Dime a Dip, in the clerk's office. It can be added to the website. Other advertising opportunities could be the Oregon Senior Center newsletter, the Oregon cable station and the Oregon Observer.

The new scoreboard at the softball diamond will be dedicated in April. Pellitteri Waste Systems donated the sign to the village. Recreation committee members will be informed of the date of this dedication and will try to be in attendance. Springer suggested taking a picture of the scoreboard and using it as a banner on the Brooklyn Recreation Facebook page.

Dime a Dip will be on Thursday, May 3. Hardy has been in contact with McCord. She is working on getting an updated list of residents and will email them to committee members. Phone calls to village residents should start after April 15.

McCord and Hardy checked supplies. There is a need for forks, cups, Kool Aid, coffee, half and half, and sugar. Van Den Eng questioned how many are served at Dime a Dip. There are no numbers for this. Committee will pay closer attention to have numbers handy so the committee has a better idea how many supplies are needed for the event.

Hardy has a list of people who could be volunteers for Dime a Dip. The committee was unsure how many are needed, but guessed that at least 10-12 should be present to help serve and do dishes.

A silent auction will take place during Dime a Dip. Committee members can donate baskets and ask for other contributions. Estimated cost of the basket should be included to give a base bidding price for the basket.

Summer Youth Recreation is in the planning stages. Wolf plans on starting interviews the week of April 16.

Dates needed for summer booklet. Van Den Eng will send along committee event information for the summer flyer. The Fun Run, 4th of July celebration will be included. The committee also sponsors a bounce house during the EMS Labor Day celebration, which could be included.

Van Den Eng announced a resident put a Little Free Library in her yard recently. This is a nationwide project of small boxes with books for people to take or leave. Van Den Eng asked if the committee was interested in sponsoring a box. Possible locations are at the community building, the gazebo, near the bank where the clerk's office is moving and Smithfield Park. There is risk of vandalism. Springer reported the Historical Society is considering sponsoring one near the Marketplace. This would make the gazebo less desirable.

Van Den Eng will look into the costs for building a unit and report back to the committee. Springer noted that owners of Little Free Libraries should register at the website to get on Google maps.

Lust made a motion to adjourn. Hardy seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.